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POLAND: Central Committee Meeting Postponed

The delay until Friday of the Central Committee session originally scheduled for today, reflects divisions within the leadership over how to deal with Solidarity.

hardliners are still seeking to have Solidarity banned as part of an imposition of a state of emergency. Politburo member Olszowski, on the other hand, has been trying to change his hardline image, and reportedly is affecting a more moderate posture. He is calling for a type of "national front" made up of various political interests.

The ambiguous results of the second session of the union's congress--the election of a generally moderate leadership and the adoption of a more militant program--and continuing Soviet pressure apparently have helped intensify differences among top party leaders.

At the Central Committee meeting, party leader Kania is likely to come under strong criticism from several quarters, presumably for a lack of leadership. However, Kania and Prime Minister Jaruzelski's positions are buttressed at least partially because there is no alternative team. Kania, moreover, appears to enjoy significant support within the Politburo.

The government, meanwhile, responded to a fresh wave of strikes yesterday by renewing its call for a dialogue with Solidarity. The union agreed to the regime's formal request that Solidarity participate in a joint anticrisis commission. Union leader Walesa will not participate in the talks later this week; he was to leave today for a weeklong visit to France.

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